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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following Amendment and consider the following remarks.

ELECTION TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 mailed December 17, 2002, Applicants respond as follows.

The Examiner has required restriction in the subject application to one of three patentably distinct inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-23 and 32-34; Class 365, subclass 198;

Group II – Claims 24-28 and 35-37; Class 711, subclass 154 and 712/37;

Group III – Claims 29-31; Class 365, subclass 189.08 and 711/101.

Applicants hereby elect Group I -- Claims 1-23 and 32-34 for further examination with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the other groups.